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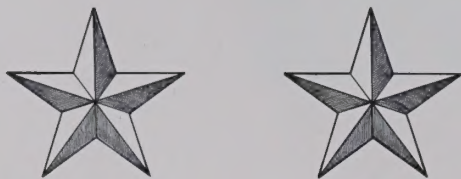




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Major General
WILLIAM P. ACKER
Commander
Air Force Military Training
Center



Major General Acker's military career began as a cadet in the Air Force ROTC at the University of Georgia. He was commissioned in 1952. After pilot training he was assigned as a fighter pilot to the 310th Fighter-Bomber Squadron at Taegu in South Korea. He later served at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona and at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa. In 1963 he was in the initial cadre which began the Air Force F-4 program at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.

During the Southeast Asia conflict General Acker flew over 100 combat missions with the 497th Tactical Fighter Squadron based in Thailand. In 1969 he participated in the 401st Tactical Fighter Wing's conversion from F-100s to F-4s at Torrejon Air Base in Spain. He later returned to Thailand where he commanded a 6,000 man tactical fighter wing. His numerous school and staff assignments have included the Air War College and Harvard's advanced management program as well as two tours with the Air Force Military Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. He was commander of the Air Force Recruiting Service at Randolph prior to assuming command at Lackland in March, 1979.

General Acker is a command pilot with more than 4,200 hours including 211 hours in combat. His numerous decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster and the Air Medal with ten oak leaf clusters.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE MILITARY TRAINING CENTER (ATC)
LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS 78236



Dear Graduate

Congratulations! You have completed Basic training and now you're a full-fledged member of our proud Air Force team. During these relatively few weeks, we've tried to give you a foundation of military training upon which you can build during the years ahead.

From here on, it's really up to you. We've taught you about military standards, customs, courtesy and about teamwork, and the importance of positive mental attitude. There's a great future in store for you when these lessons are applied. The opportunities are there just waiting for you to take the initiative and make them come true.

You've shown that you have what it takes to be a productive member of our Air Force. You have the qualities needed to find happiness and satisfaction throughout the rest of your service to our country. I wish you all the success in the world — never forget that in this Air Force of ours, you are an important person who will, I know, do your share to make a great Air Force even better.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William P. Acker", is positioned below the word "Sincerely".

WILLIAM P. ACKER

Major General, USAF
Commander





Colonel
RICHARD D. PAUL

Commander
Basic Military Training
School



Colonel Richard D. Paul is Commander of the Basic Military Training School (BMTS), Air Force Military Training Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Colonel Paul was born November 25, 1935 in Revere, Mass. He was graduated from Revere High School in 1953 and attended Boston University, graduating in 1957 with a bachelor's degree. He received his master of arts degree from Webster College, St. Louis, Mo. in 1975. His professional military education includes completion of Squadron Officer School and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Colonel Paul received his commission through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) at Boston University in 1957. He attended navigator training at Harlingen AFB, Tex., graduating in 1958. His first tour of duty was in weather reconnaissance as a "typhoon chaser" for the 54th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, Andersen AFB, Guam. In 1961 he transferred to Japan with the 56th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron flying weather reconnaissance until reassigned to McGuire AFB, New Jersey in 1962. At McGuire he served with the 38th Military Airlift Squadron as a navigator flying C-118's. He later became a member of the initial cadre flying C-135's with the 40th Military Airlift Squadron.

In 1964 Colonel Paul was selected as an instructor at the Squadron Officer School, reporting to Maxwell AFB, Alabama. A year later he became Aide-de-Camp to the Commander, Air University. In 1968 he was reassigned to Headquarters, United States Air Force (HQ USAF) as Assistant Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. In 1969 he was reassigned to the Foreign Liaison Division, Office of The Vice Chief of Staff, HQ USAF as a Political Military Affairs Officer.



In 1970 Colonel Paul volunteered for Southeast Asia. He was reassigned as a forward air navigator with the 504th Tactical Support Group, Cam Rahn Bay, Republic of Vietnam, where he flew night reconnaissance missions.

At the completion of his tour in 1971 he was transferred to Ching Chaun Kang (CCK) Base, Republic of China, as the Executive Officer to the Commander, 374th Tactical Airlift Wing (TAW). The C-130 aircraft of the 374th flew direct support missions for the US Forces in the Republic of Vietnam. In 1973 Colonel Paul was reassigned to Scott AFB, Illinois as Executive Officer to the Director of War Plans, Headquarters Military Airlift Command (HQ MAC). In 1974 he became Chief of Training and Military Education Division, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (DCS), HQ MAC.

In the summer of 1975 he was reassigned to the position of Executive Officer to the Commander, Headquarters USAF Recruiting Service, Randolph AFB, Tex. From September 1976 until April 1979 he served as Executive Officer to the Commander, Air Force Military Training Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He served as Deputy Commander of BMTS from March until October 1979.

Colonel Paul's decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters and the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

He is married to the former Marilyn A. Lanzo of Revere, Massachusetts. They have two daughters, Beth and Brenda.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS



It was once known as "the hill" to the pilots of Kelly Field who used the desolate area as a bombing range in the "thirties". However its destiny as a training center was due to the foresight of Brigadier General Frank D. Lackland. He was commander of the Army Air Corps Advanced Flying School at Kelly and he saw the need for an aviation cadet training center. In June 1941 construction was begun and the base was designated the Army Air Corps Replacement Training Center (Air Crew). The first class reported less than a month before Pearl Harbor. In July 1942 it was renamed the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center and it received a two fold mission. The center received and classified newly arrived candidates and it also provided pre-flight training for those who were selected to become air crew members. The SAACC remained until the end of the Second World War having trained over 100,000 future airmen. Some of these would later reach top leadership positions in the United States Air Force.

In February 1946 the base was renamed the Army Air Force Military Training Center and this saw the beginning of basic training for enlisted personnel. In July 1947 the Training Center received its formal name . . . Lackland Air Force Base and two months later the United States Air Force became a separate service. In October 1948 basic training began for the Women in the Air Force (WAF). One year later the 3700th Air Force Indoctrination Wing was established. Under it were several training and support groups which carried out the base's training mission.

Lackland's training facilities were almost overwhelmed by the influx of trainees during the Korean conflict. On one single day in January 1951 over 6000 recruits arrived and Lackland had become a tent city. Massive construction of barracks, classrooms and support facilities was begun. The investment paid off in later years when Lackland became the Air Force's only training center.

The remainder of the "fifties" were relatively uneventful at Lackland although the training mission was continuously expanded. In early 1956 the first Air National Guard trainees arrived for basic training. This program, whereby members of the ANG and the Air Force Reserve undergo basic training along with regular Airmen, continues today. Several specialized courses were moved to Lackland from other

bases. These included Air Police courses, Recruiting, the Basic Medical Course and the Sentry Dog Program among others.

Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center was completed in 1957. In 1961 a new wing was added to the main building. The Medical Center is one of the area's tallest landmarks.

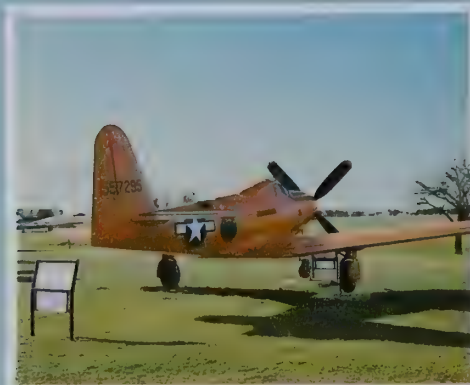
The Officer Training School began in 1959 but 1960 saw the end of an era at Lackland with the termination of pre-flight training. It marked the conclusion of the program that gave the base its first mission 19 years earlier. In June 1962 Lackland gave up its flight line and aircraft to Kelly AFB. The first of the "new look" dormitories was built in 1962. By the time the Southeast Asia conflict had created the need for large numbers of trained airmen Lackland was ready . . . a contrast to the hectic days of the Korean crisis.

On 31 August 1967 the distinctive "Smokey Bear" hat became part of the Military Training Instructor's uniform; making him look about two feet taller to many newly arrived trainees.

On 1 January 1973 the Lackland Military Training Center was renamed the Air Force Military Training Center in recognition of the fact that it is the Air Force's only basic training center. It is also referred to as "The Gateway To The Air Force". It is an appropriate description for the place where thousands of dedicated young men and women make the transition from civilian life to the United States Air Force.







WAR BIRDS OF YESTERDAY



A PROUD HERITAGE

SCENES OF LACKLAND











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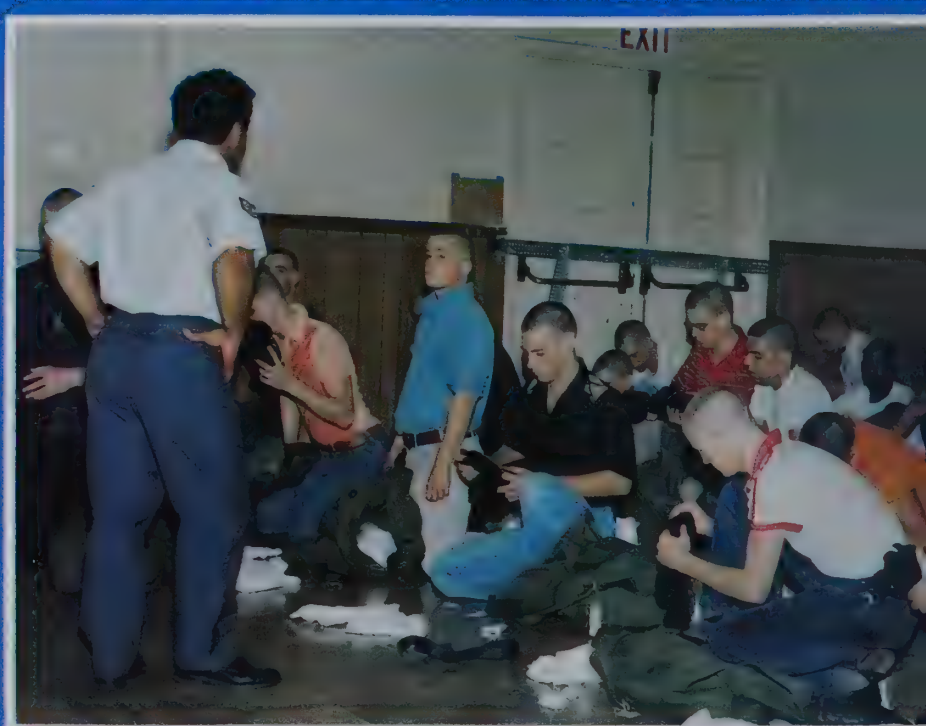




INTRODUCTION TO MILITARY LIFE

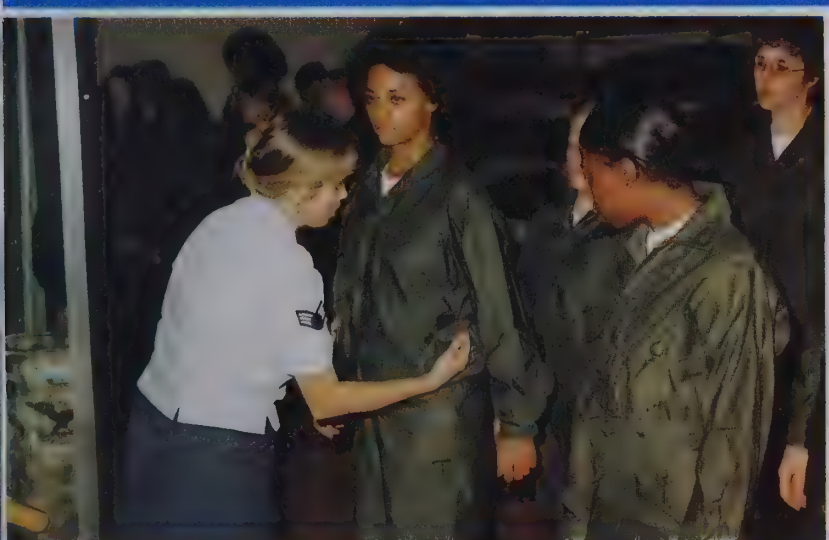
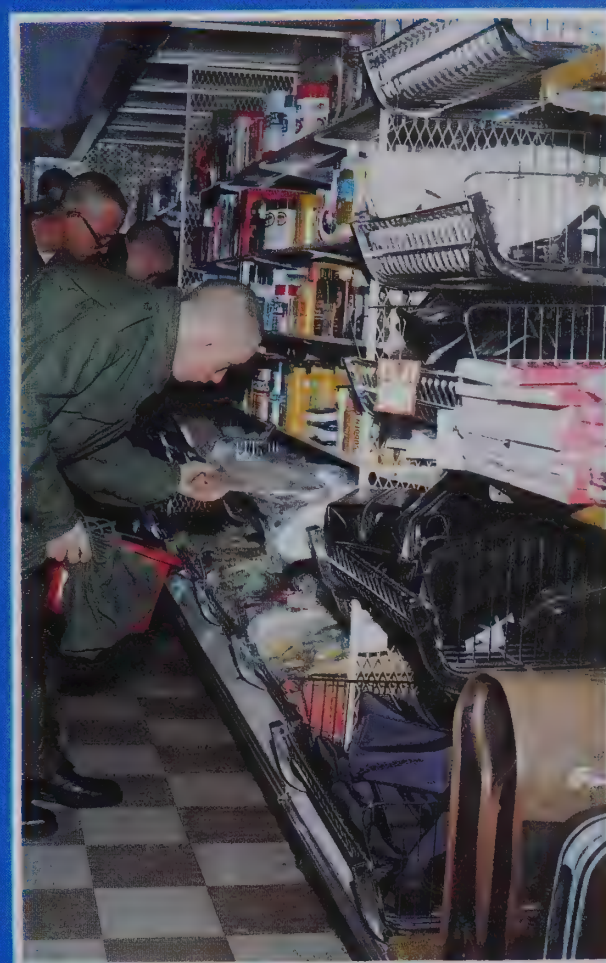
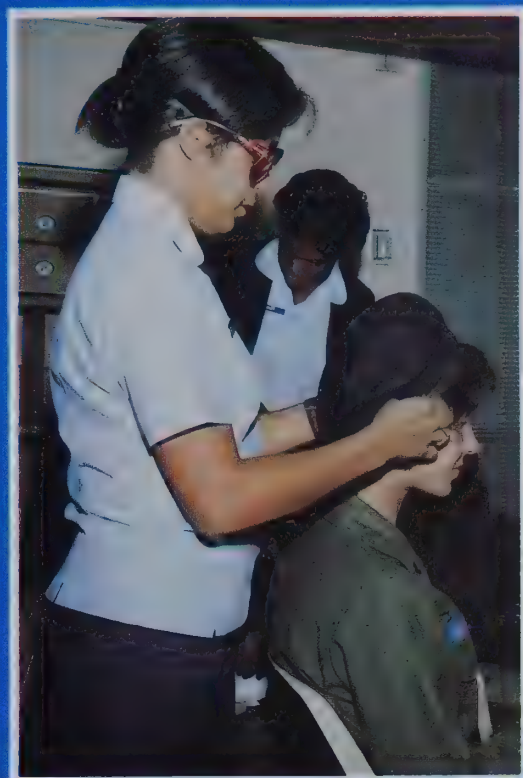






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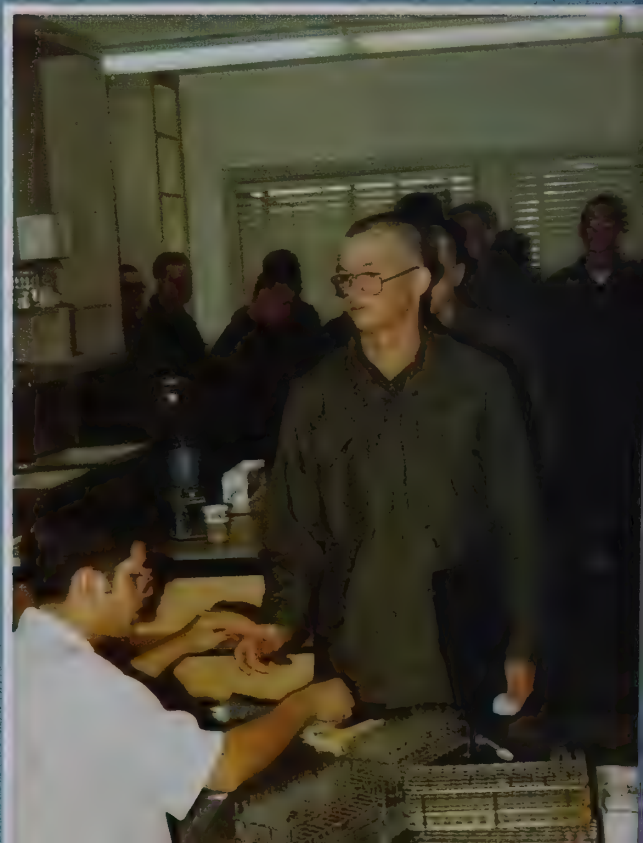


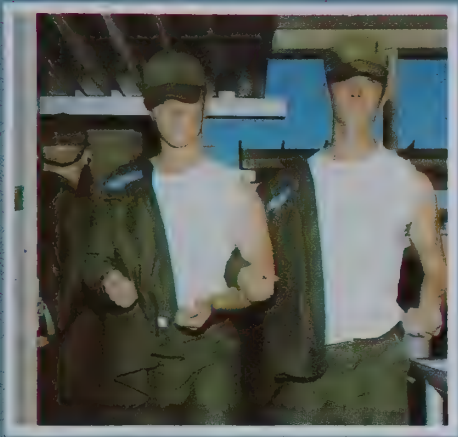
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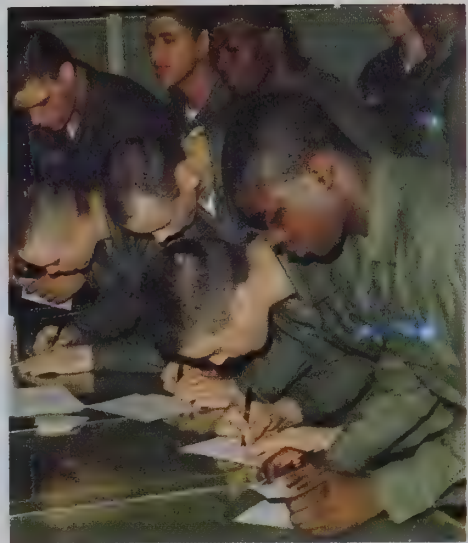






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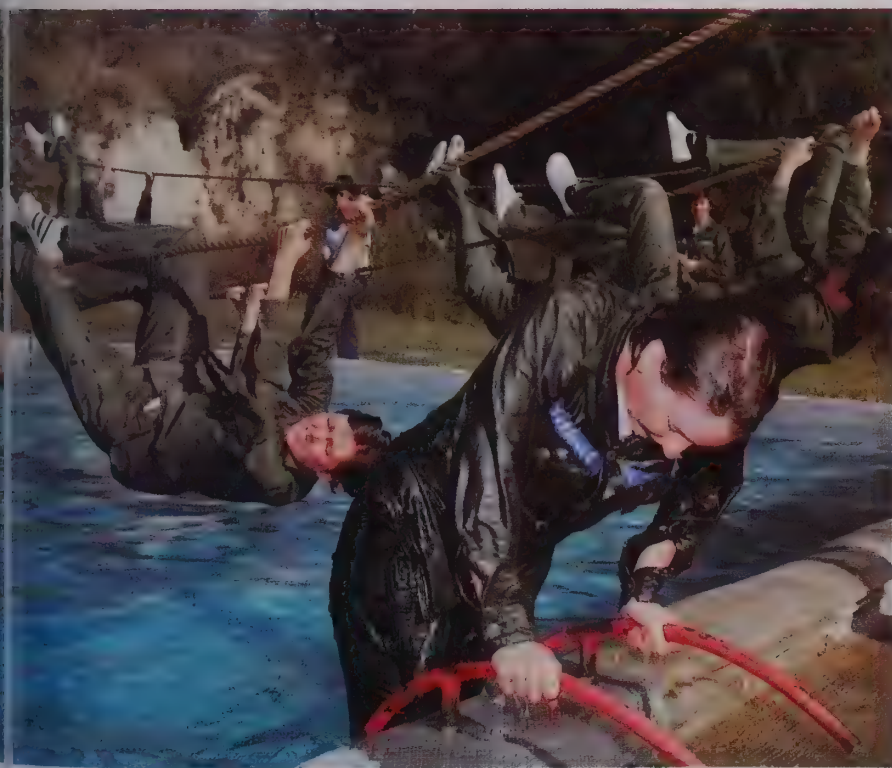
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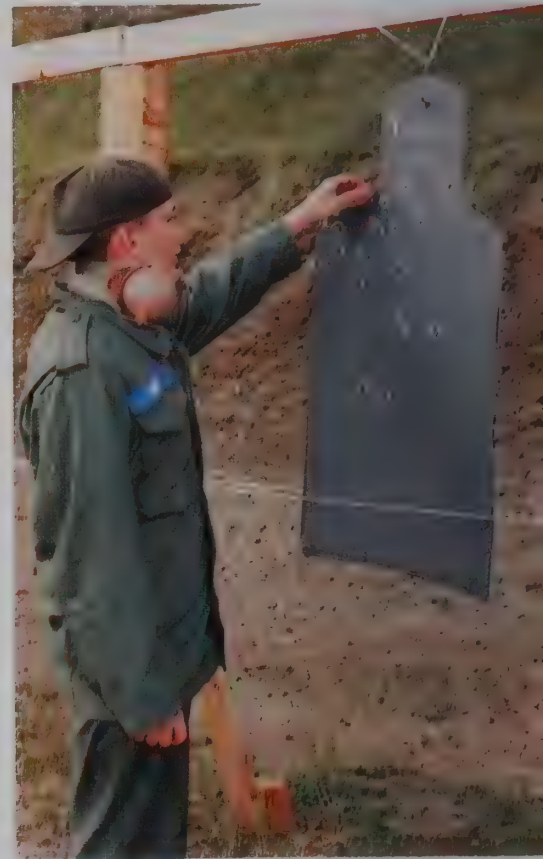








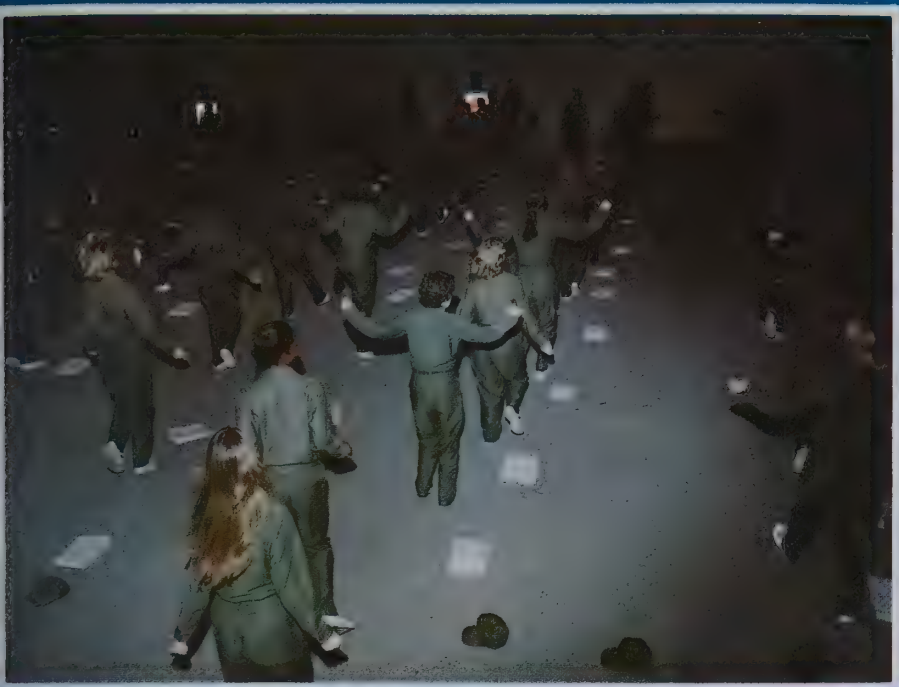






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PHYSICAL CONDITIONING



"PASS IN REVIEW"





PARADE



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LT COL GRAEF CD
COMMANDER

LT BYRD R
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SMSGT BARNES CN JR
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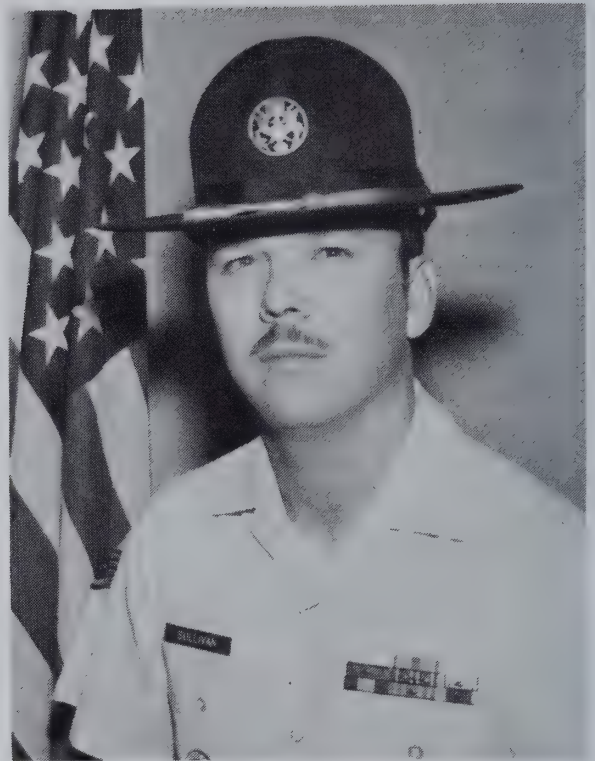


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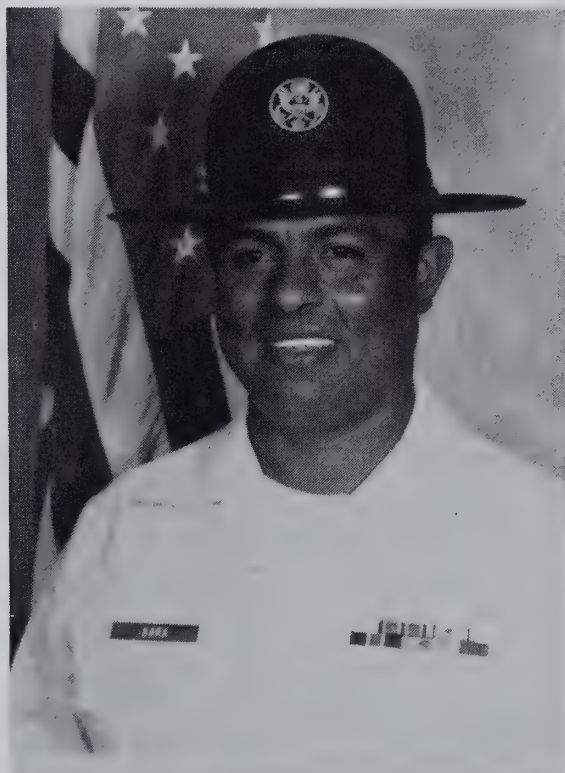
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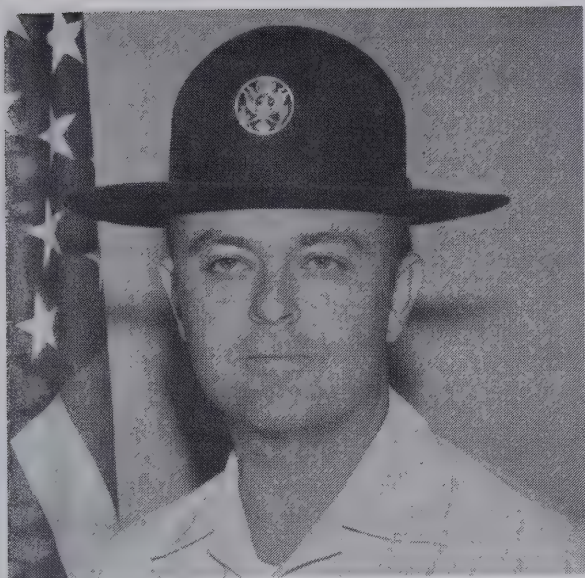
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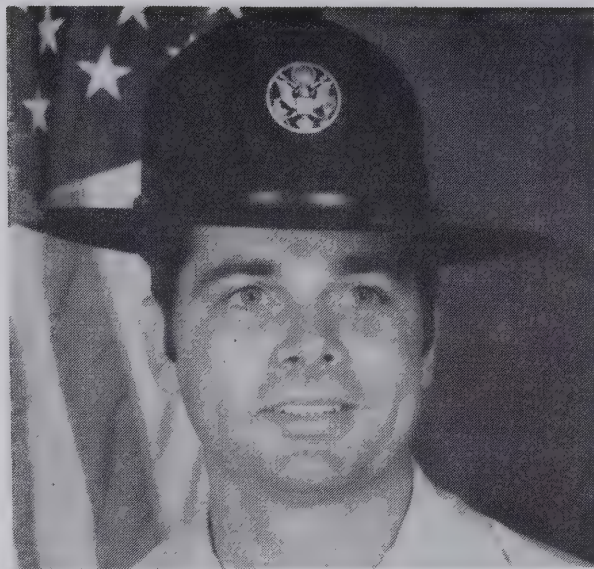
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TEAM CHIEF



SSGT BARA J
TEAM MEMBER



TSGT HAMAN G
BAND INSTRUCTOR



SSGT DRUHOTA G
BAND INSTRUCTOR



SSGT HORTON AJ
BAND INSTRUCTOR



SOLE TE



WARD M



HARSH PD



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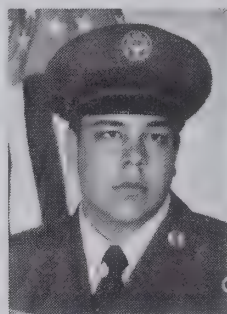
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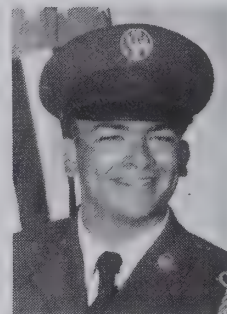
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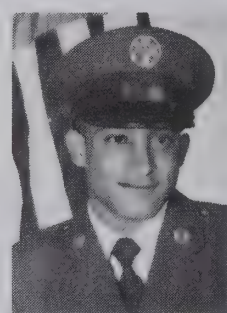
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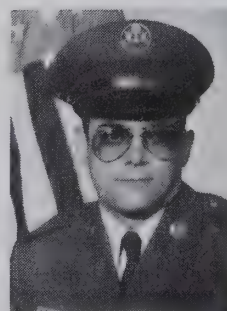
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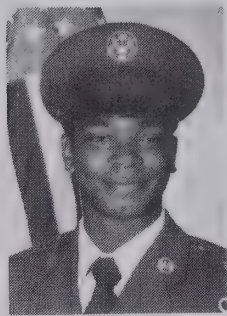




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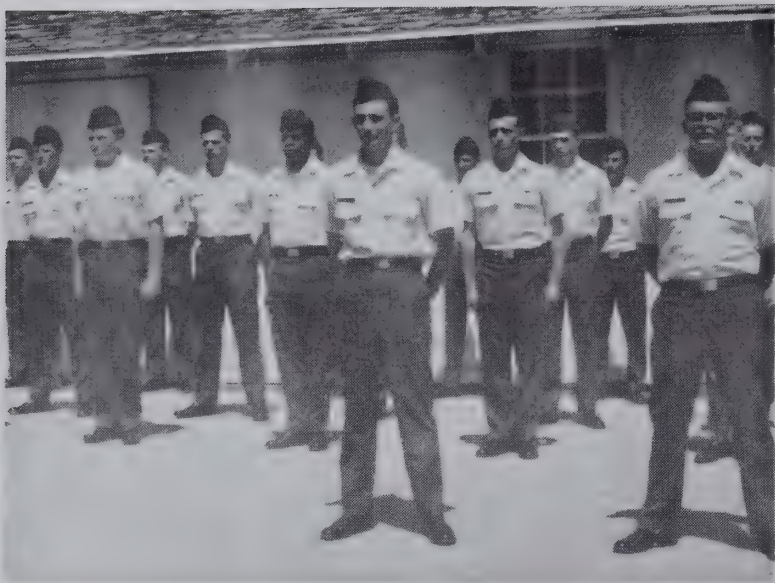
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MARSHALL LM
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ORRICK ME
POTTER CD







They are professionals . . . members of a demanding profession. They are the Air Force's Military Training Instructors. They take the young men and women of America and impart to them the basic military skills which are so vital in the making of future airmen. By personal example they instill in their trainees a sense of pride, integrity and the will to succeed. In a few short weeks they do this and when they see their trainees leave the Training Instructors turn to receive a new group, a new flight of future airmen and they start again. They are dedicated professionals.



LET US GO UNTO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD





SAN ANTONIO





“The Sights And Scenes Of The Alamo City”







FAREWELL TO LACKLAND



ON TO NEW CHALLENGES





